

DATE: 12/03/08
TIME: 2:13 P.M.
ACTIVITY: Friends of Blagojevich office

SPEAKERS:

BLAGOJEVICH: Rod Blagojevich
MONK: Alonzo (Lon) Monk

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1 (Footsteps)

2 BLAGOJEVICH Mitola. I'm gonna have to call, I'm
3 gonna call his mother now. I gotta call
4 his mom. I'm not going to the wake.
5 You goin'? Sister's wake.

6 MONK Mmm, no.

7 BLAGOJEVICH You're not?

8 MONK Going to...

9 BLAGOJEVICH The funeral?

10 MONK ...Oklahoma

11 BLAGOJEVICH Oh.

12 MONK Tomorrow my dad's, some Army...
13 (Pause)...reunion.

14 BLAGOJEVICH Okay, what do you got?

15 MONK So, what do I tell him?

16 BLAGOJEVICH Say, ah, this bill's (UI) let's go. I
17 mean just say...

18 MONK But I want, but I wanna have a more
19 pointed conversation.

20 BLAGOJEVICH Just say listen, you know (UI)...

21 MONK Say, and say look he's, he's concerned
22 about signing the bill, but you got,

1 he's gonna sign the bill and all of a
2 sudden you guys are gonna say...

3 BLAGOJEVICH Correct, or you know all of a sudden
4 you're going to give him a contribution.
5 Now we're concerned.

6 MONK He's gonna sign the bill and all of a
7 sudden you're going to give a
8 contribution. Yeah, I don't wanna say
9 that.

10 BLAGOJEVICH Right.

11 MONK 'Cause then he's gonna say you're right,
12 you know we can't do it right now.

13 BLAGOJEVICH Right.

14 MONK So, I wanna say...

15 BLAGOJEVICH You could say he could sign the bill
16 right after the first of the year. I
17 think you just say that. He's gonna
18 sign all his bills, he's signing all,
19 he's doing all his bills right...

20 MONK No. Look, I wanna go to him without
21 crossing the line and say, give us the
22 fuckin' money.

23 BLAGOJEVICH Right.

24 MONK (UI), give us the money and one has
25 nothing to do with the other...

26 BLAGOJEVICH Right.

27 MONK ...but give us the fuckin' money.
28 Because they're losin', they're losing
29 9,000 a day.

30 BLAGOJEVICH Okay.

31 MONK For every day it's not signed.

32 BLAGOJEVICH Okay. (Pause) So the (UI) don't know
33 (UI).

1 MONK I've got to think about it. But I feel
2 like leaving right now and going over
3 there and saying give me the money.
4 (Pause) How many bills are in question
5 right now? I mean how many, how many
6 need to be signed? Approximately. Ten
7 or a hundred?

8 BLAGOJEVICH A hundred. (Pause) This is a, you
9 know, a key month, you know, to get.
10 It's been a year now. A year. Last
11 December.. (on phone) I need Greenlee,
12 right away.

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14 BLAGOJEVICH (Talking on the phone) Hey, how many
15 bills do we have that I have to act on,
16 right now? Thirty bills? And they're
17 all the same timing? (Pause) Yeah, so
18 don't do any of 'em. I wanna do 'em
19 all together. Okay. In toto. Okay.
20 All thirty.

21 MONK Can you do 'em n-, are they ready to go
22 now, today?

23 BLAGOJEVICH (Talking on the phone) Can I do 'em all
24 today? (Pause) Okay. I don't, don't do
25 anything yet. But, okay, that's, I need
26 to know that. You're the best.
27 Alright, bye. (Off phone) They're all
28 ready to go (UI). (Pause) (Footsteps)
29 I think you just say look, it's been a
30 year, let's just get this done. Just
31 get it done, Christ.

32 (PAUSE)

33 MONK I, um, leave tomorrow and not gonna be
34 back till Tuesday morning.

35 BLAGOJEVICH When are you gonna see him?

36 MONK I wanna see him right now.

37 BLAGOJEVICH I could have Greenlee or someone call
38 and say I'm going to have a bill signing

1 event and schedule something during
2 January or late December or...Southern
3 Illinois, or do we let it go, let that
4 go?

5 MONK Don't 'cause then... (Pause) I think
6 you'll have the opportunity right now.

7 BLAGOJEVICH Okay. So you go see him?

8 MONK Yeah, I'm gonna call him (UI).

9 BLAGOJEVICH What are you gonna say to him? Be
10 careful.

11 MONK I'm gonna say, I'm gonna say to him,
12 stop screwin' around, get me the money
13 (UI), the concern is, is that, um, he,
14 you know, holding back and want to group
15 all these bills together, but what's
16 affecting him is that he feels like
17 you're gonna get skittish if he signs
18 the bill, get me?. I'm going to use the
19 word skittish.

20 BLAGOJEVICH Yeah.

21 MONK Assumes, you know, at some point (UI).

22 BLAGOJEVICH (UI). And he'd like some separation
23 between that and signing the bill.

24 MONK Define separation.

25 BLAGOJEVICH A week.

26 (Conversation moves out of office)

27 (Background noise)

28 MONK (On phone) John, how are you? It's
29 Lon. Where... Oh, I didn't know you
30 called. (Pause) Yeah. What, um, where
31 are you right now? (Pause) Can I come
32 see you? (Pause) Yeah, okay. Um, I'll
33 be there in probably about forty five
34 minutes. See ya.